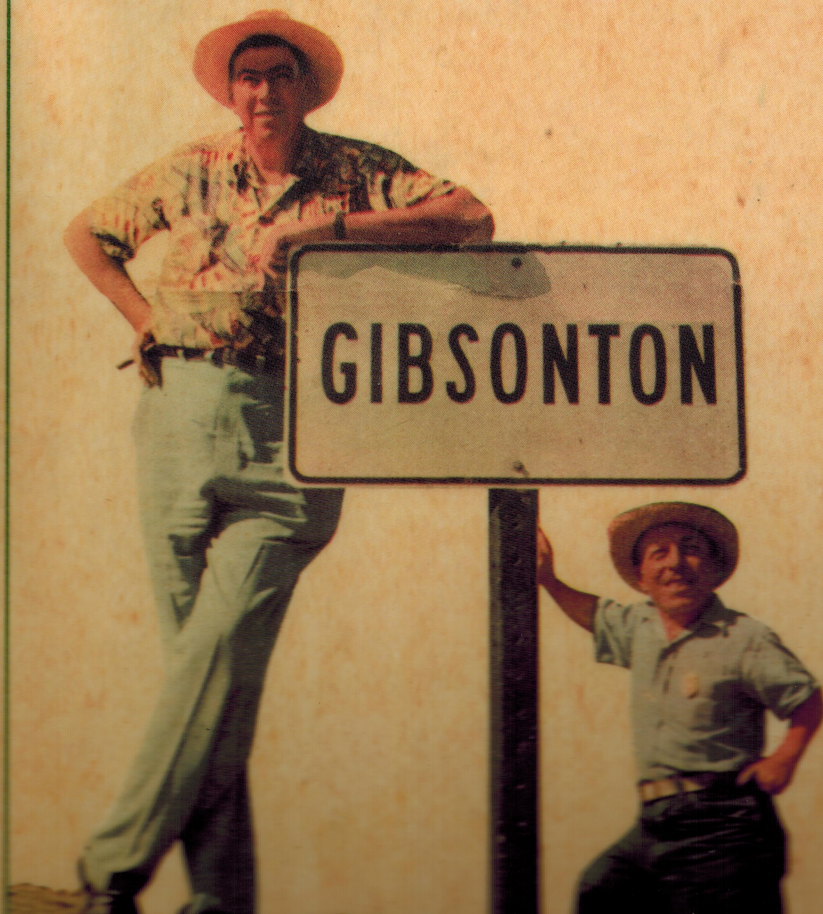


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## BREAKFAST

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### FARMER'S OMELET

Sausage, Bacon, Tomato, Mushrooms, Onions, Green Peppers and 2 kinds of Cheese

Served with Grits or Potatoes, Toast Or Biscuits

**Corned Beef Hash, Two Eggs, Grits or Potatoes  
Toast or Biscuits.....\$4.20**

Two Eggs with Steak .....	6.00	Two Eggs with Ham .....	4.00
Two Eggs with Bacon or Sausage .....	3.50	One Egg with Ham .....	3.90
One Egg with Bacon or Sausage .....	3.40	Cheese Omelet .....	3.25
Two Eggs with Link Sausage .....	3.60	Ham Omelet .....	4.00
One Egg with Link Sausage .....	3.50	Ham and Cheese Omelet .....	4.50
Two Eggs with Smoked Sausage .....	4.00	Bacon or Sausage omelet (cheese-25¢) .....	4.15
One Egg with Smoked Sausage .....	3.90	Western Omelet (cheese-25¢) .....	4.50

**All above orders served with Grits or Potatoes Toast or Biscuits**

Two Eggs with Grits or Potatoes - Toast or Biscuits .....	2.35	Hot Cakes with Ham or Smoked Sausage .....	4.00
One Egg with Grits or Potatoes - Toast or Biscuits .....	2.25	Hot Cakes with Links .....	3.85
Hot Cakes .....	2.90	French Toast .....	2.90
Short Stacks .....	2.75	French Toast with Sausage or Bacon .....	3.75
Short Stacks with Sausage or Bacon .....	3.60	French Toast with Ham .....	4.00
Hot Cakes with Sausage or Bacon .....	3.75	Homemade Biscuits with Sausage Gravy ..	2.50
		1/2 order Biscuit with Sausage Gravy .....	1.75
		Side of Sausage Gravy .....	.75

### SIDE ORDERS

One Egg .....	.85
Link Sausage .....	2.00
Sausage Patty .....	1.90
Smoked Sausage .....	2.10
Bacon .....	1.90
Ham .....	2.10
Grits .....	1.20
Potatoes .....	1.20
Toast .....	1.00
Biscuits .....	1.10
English Muffin .....	1.15
Dry Cereal served with Milk .....	1.75
Corned Beef Hash .....	2.10
Rye Toast .....	1.25

### WAFFLES

<b>Plain .....</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>Pecan .....</b>	<b>2.55</b>
W/ Bacon .....	3.40	W/ Bacon .....	3.85
W/ Sausage .....	3.40	W/ Sausage .....	3.85
W/ Ham .....	3.65	W/ Ham .....	4.10
W/ Smoked Sausage .....	3.65	W/ Smoked Sausage .....	4.10
W/ Link Sausage .....	3.50	W/ Link Sausage .....	3.95
W/ Eggs .....	3.10	W/ Eggs .....	3.55
W/ Eggs and Bacon .....	4.50	W/ Eggs and Bacon .....	4.95
W/ Eggs and Sausage .....	4.50	W/ Eggs and Sausage .....	4.95
W/ Eggs and Ham .....	4.75	W/ Eggs and Ham .....	5.20
W/ Eggs and Smoked Sausage .....	4.75	W/ Eggs and Smoked Sausage .....	5.20
W/ Eggs W/ Link Sausage .....	4.60	W/ Eggs W/ Link Sausage .....	5.05

**Hot Syrup upon request**



### KIDDIE'S BREAKFAST

1 Egg, Grits or Potatoes, 2 Slices Bacon  
and 1 Slice of Toast \$2.25

1 Hot Cake, 1 Egg, 2 Link Sausages \$2.25

1 Slice French Toast, 1 Egg and 2 Bacon \$2.25



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Pork Chops .....	6.50
Oysters .....	6.00
Jumbo Shrimp .....	6.50
1/2 Fried Chicken .....	6.25
Seafood Platter .....	9.20

*All above served with Large Salad, Rolls and Potato*

**21 pc. Shrimp Dinner w/ Fries and cole slaw .. 5.50**  
**Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches w/ Fries ..... 4.00**  
**Clam strips w/ Fries and cole slaw ..... 5.50**

## SANDWICHES

Giants Camp Burger .....	2.95
Giants Camp Burger w/Cheese .....	3.05
Hot Dog with Chips .....	2.00
Hot Dog with Chili and Chips .....	2.75
Baked Ham .....	2.95
Ham & Cheese .....	3.20
Turkey .....	2.95
Ham & Egg .....	3.20
Egg .....	1.80
Bacon & Egg .....	2.80
Cuban .....	3.60
Fish .....	3.00
Grilled Cheese .....	1.95
Grilled Ham & Cheese .....	3.45
Patty Melt .....	4.00
Roast Beef .....	3.10
Meat Loaf .....	3.00
Bacon-Lettuce-Tomato .....	2.75
Bar-B-Q Beef .....	3.10
Chicken Patty .....	3.60
Ham Club w/Chips .....	4.75
Turkey Club w/Chips .....	4.75
Honey Grilled Chicken w/Chips .....	4.75
Steak with Cheese, Peppers and Onions .....	4.75
Reuben with Chips and Kosher Dill Strip .....	4.75
Grouper served on Kaiser Roll w/Tartar Sauce, Lettuce, Tomato, Chips and Kosher Dill Strip .....	5.00

*Lettuce or Tomato .25 extra*

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SIDE ORDERS

Stuffed Crab Shell .....	2.00
French Fries .....	1.20
Onion Rings .....	2.25
Deviled Crab .....	1.75
Chicken Nuggets .....	2.25
Cheese Sticks .....	2.75
Stuffed Potato .....	1.75

12 Wings - Hot or Mild  
\$4.50

20 Wings - Hot or Mild  
\$7.50

6 Shrimp and 6 Wings  
\$7.55

Served with Bleu Cheese and Celery  
Extra Bleu Cheese - Add .50    Jalapena Poppers - \$3.20

SALADS

Chef Salad (Ham or Turkey) .....	4.75
Tossed Salad .....	2.20
Taco Salad .....	4.50

SOUPS

Homemade Chili .....	Small 1.75, Large 2.75
Homemade Soup .....	Small 1.40, Large 2.05

BEVERAGES

Coffee .....	1.00
Milk .....	Small 1.05, Large 1.25
Chocolate Milk .....	Small 1.20, Large 1.40
Orange Juice .....	Small 1.20, Large 1.75
Grapefruit Juice .....	1.10
Tomato Juice .....	1.10
Hot Tea .....	1.00
Hot Chocolate .....	1.00
Soft Drinks (limit 2 refills) .....	Small 1.25, Large 2.00
Iced Tea (free refills) .....	1.00
Milk Shakes (Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry) .....	2.25
Soda Floats .....	2.25

DESSERTS

Homemade cakes .....	1.50
Homemade Pies .....	1.50
Pie A La Mode .....	2.10

Orders To Go - Add .25



KIDDIE'S (under 12) and SENIORS (55+) LUNCH

Hamburger and Fries .....	\$3.00
Grilled Cheese and Fries .....	\$2.25
Cheeseburger and Fries .....	\$3.10



Chicken Patty and Fries .....	\$3.20
4 piece Chicken Nuggets and Fries .....	\$2.75

Lettuce or Tomato .25 extra



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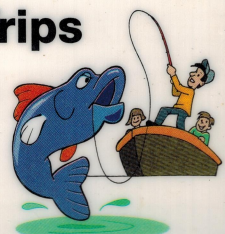
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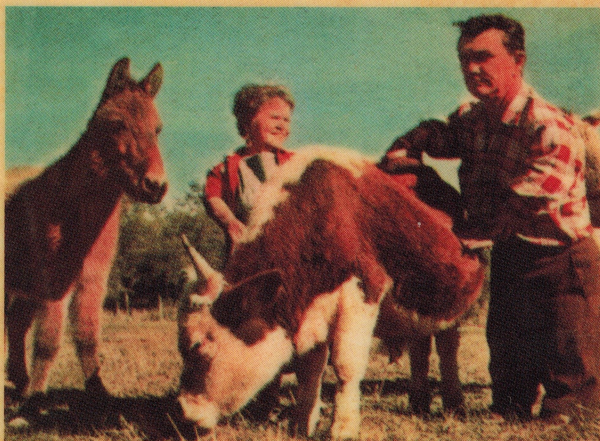
**The article below appeared in a local newspaper on July 28, 1957**

## By Jack Denton Scott

Nine miles south of Tampa, just off U.S. Route 41, Gibsonton, a place most people would find hard to believe, lies dreaming in the Florida sun. The president of its Chamber of Commerce, Al Tomaini, who has also been fire chief, stands eight feet four and a half inches in his size-22 shoes and weighs 356 pounds. One of the law enforcement officers is his best friend and fishing companion, "Colonel" Casper Balsam, who is just a smidgen over three feet tall.

Giants, midgets, pinheads, tattooed men, bearded ladies and women lugging big snakes instead of handbags saunter around Gibsonton as if they owned the place—and they do. Because Gibsonton is the carnival capital of America, the place where freaks and show people live when they aren't on the road.

The population peak of 1,000 is reached in mid-winter when the



Midgets, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tracey, with the dwarf donkey, Hereford cow and Palomino stallion featured in their circus act.

show folk come back to Gibsonton to rest, fix up their houses and gardens, mend fences and relations with their neighbors.

Eddie Le May, a carnival concessionaire and "cook house" operator, discovered the town when it was nothing but a dirt road over 30 years ago, moved there because fishing in the broad Alafia River was the best he had ever found, and the scattering of people who lived thereabouts were good-natured and friendly.

As Eddie has talent with words, his subsequent raves about the place brought curious carnival folk who came to investigate, stayed with Eddie and his wife Grace, until they could find a place to park their trailers or build their homes.

Al Tomaini liked the fishing and the Alafia River so much that he converted mud flats and old shacks into a modern trailer camp, put up a restaurant and created "The Giant's Fishing Camp." He donated the town's ambulance, became fire chief, designed the community hall and had himself and his tiny pal, Colonel Casper Balsam, sworn in as deputy sheriffs.

Although there are normal people (Eddie Le May, for one, who is still considered town father and prophet) in and around Gibsonton, it's citizens like Gilbert Tracey and his wife (midgets, who have a circus act that involves trained midget animals, a dwarf donkey, a white-faced Hereford and a Palomino stallion) and Bobby Jean Taylor (the Dog-Faced Girl) who are the aristocrats and real pillars of Gibsonton society.

The town's wheels are turned by them and by other stalwarts like

the alligator-skinned man, Emmet Bejano, and his charming wife, Priscilla, the bearded lady, sometimes called the monkey girl.

Al Tomaini's wife, Jeanie, was born without lower limbs, and was billed as the acrobatic half-girl at the Great Lakes Exposition where she met and fell in love with the towering Tomaini in 1936.

Gibsonton may be the only town in the world where freaks are considered normal and normalcy is not a social asset. But it is a town with heart: When "Happy Dot" Blackhall, the 602-pound fat lady, was ill a couple of years ago, Jeanie somehow got over there and kept house for her friend until Dot was able to get up and about again.

Gibtowners (the carnival crowd shorten the name to Gibtown) pitch in and help one another build their homes, cut their grass, tend the sick and aid the needy. When a civic need arises, such as a fire department, the whole community pulls together.

Gibsonton sprawls over 1,000 flat acres which are spotted with 900 houses, two churches, several grocery stores and other assorted places of business, a tiny post office, three trailer parks, and, the nub, The Giant's Fishing Camp. It's a conservative Republican town. In the last election the 800 registered voters all went GOP.

It's a stop-and-stare town, too. People passing by on Route 41 can't resist the temptation to park their cars and take a look at the strange people of Gibsonton. While I was there last spring at The Giant's Fishing Camp, a middle-aged, mid-western couple came into the TV repair shop where Al Tomaini was tinkering with Colonel Casper's ailing TV set. They stared at Al for a moment and hurried out.

"Happens all the time," Al said, grinning. "They just wanted a peek at the giant. I don't mind though. I'm peek-proof."

Most Gibbtowners are. There are so many of their own kind living in happy harmony in the little Florida town they have made their own that they find the rubber-necking from passing tourists amusing. "We just stare back," said tiny Mrs. Tracey. "This is our home. These people who look us over as if we aren't real are funny. Sometimes they make me laugh right out loud."



Emmet Bejano, the alligator-skinned man, has a happy home life with Priscilla, the bearded lady.



Curious visitors to the Florida town of Gibsonton seldom try to get chummy with Sailor Katzy, the snake-charming tattooed man and the 70-pound rock python he calls Queenie.



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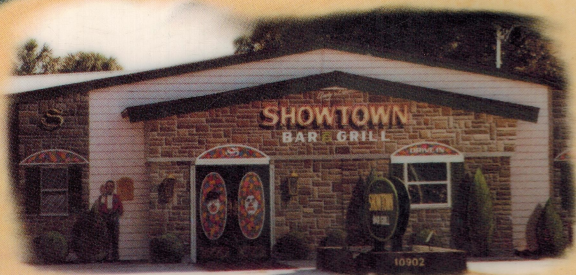
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